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## DISTRICT MEETINGS 1929

Place	Date	Chairman	Secretary
Anderson	April 2	Margaret A. Wade	Florence Jones, Indianapolis.
Fort Wayne	April 4	Margaret M. Colerick	Marie M. Creager, N. Manchester.
Winamac	April 9	Alma Doyle	Dorothy Agness, Royal Center.
LaPorte	April 11	Mrs. Vivian Lockridge	Elizabeth Rockwell, Goshen.
Crawfordsville	April 16	Myrtle J. Weatherholt	Edith Thompson, Frankfort.
Richmond	April 18	Mrs. Ada L. Bernhardt	Mrs. Agnes Hunter, Winchester.
Vincennes	April 23	Jane Kitchell	Margaret Cooper, Linton.
Rockport	April 25	Clara Eigenmann	Inez Crandle, Evansville.
Bloomington	April 30	Bertha Ashby	Mrs. Marie LaGrange, Franklin.
Vevay	May 2	Bess Lanham	Pearl McConnell, North Vernon.

## INDIANA LIBRARY SUMMER SCHOOL

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June 17 to August 2, 1929

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## INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

37th Annual Conference

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## INDIANA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

20th Annual Conference

Indianapolis, November 21, 22, 23, 1928

## I. L. A. Officers

President, Ethel Cleland, Indianapolis.  
 Vice-President, Frank H. Whitmore, East Chicago.

Secretary, Lola E. Nolte, Mount Vernon.  
 Treasurer, Evangeline Lewis, Pendleton.

## I. L. A. Nominating Committee

Mayme C. Snipes, Columbia City, Chairman.  
 Hazel B. Warren, Indianapolis.  
 Carrie E. Scott, Indianapolis.

## I. L. A. Auditing Committee

William J. Hamilton, Gary, Chairman.  
 Bess Palmer, South Bend.  
 Myrtle J. Weatherholt, Crawfordsville.

## I. L. T. A. Officers

President, Charles Cassel, Connersville.  
 Vice-President, Mrs. L. A. Weinstein, Kendallville.  
 Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Brennenman, Columbia City.

## I. L. T. A. Nominating Committee

Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Muncie, Chairman.  
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 Mrs. J. M. Thistletonwaite, Sheridan.

## I. L. T. A. Auditing Committee

Mrs. Grace H. Price, West Lafayette.  
 Dr. F. L. Cushing, Winamac.

## I. L. T. A. Legislative Committee

J. W. Foreman, Goshen, Chairman.  
 Mrs. W. A. Denny, Anderson.  
 Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Evansville.

## Joint Resolutions Committee

Evelyn M. Craig, Vevay, Chairman.  
 Florence Venn, Indianapolis.

Registration was very efficiently conducted for both Associations by the Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, and began Wednesday morning, November 21st. The Hotel Lincoln management placed the Lincoln room and Parlors E and F at the disposal of the Associations for exhibits and nineteen exhibitors occupied space.

## First General Session

The conference opened with a general session at 2:30 p. m., in the Travertine room, Miss Cleland presiding.

## LLEWELLYN JONES

Mr. Jones, editor of the literary section of the Chicago Evening Post and author of "How to criticize a book" talked on "Notable books of the year." He called it a misleading title—tho he had selected it himself—as there were many more notable books than he would be able even to mention. Among the books discussed were "The philosophy of John Dewey" by Joseph Ratner, which is a systematized compilation from Dewey's writings; "Political behavior" by Frank Kent, an explanation of the fundamentals of practical politics deserving wide reading as it comes from a journalist of wide experience and competent ability; "Invisible government" by W. B. Munro; "Intelligent woman's guide to Socialism and Capitalism" by George Bernard Shaw, and "Skeptical essays" by Bertrand Russell. He stated that in the

modern tendency in the writing of biography, the credit should not all be given to Lytton Strachey as it was really originated by Gamaliel Bradford; it is slightly "fakey" but based on fundamentals, and on the whole very readable. In concluding the review of Beveridge's Lincoln, he said he hoped he was not "telling secrets out of school" but it was "rumored" that Claude Bowers, another Indiana man, had been asked to complete this notable work. Other biographies reviewed were Hughes' George Washington, Maurois' Disraeli, Ludwig's Bismarck, Woodward's Meet General Grant, Taylor's Leonardo the Florentine, and Peterson's Havelock Ellis. In discussing Ludwig's style of writing, he said "it was really Bruce Barton done for highbrows." The two novels he selected were Clemence Dane's The Babylons; which is four short novels of four generations of an English country family; and Louis Bromfield's Strange case of Miss Annie Spragg. The notable poem he took as Stephen Vincent Benet's John Brown's body, a panorama of the Civil War.

Following adjournment, at 4 o'clock, the librarians and trustees having been invited to a tea and sight-seeing trip through the L. S. Ayres and Co. Store, all present repaired to Ayres Tea Room, where tea, cakes and ices were served. Then in small groups the guests were taken through various departments of the store not usually open to the public, seeing and learning the "inner workings and machinery" which administers such a large store. This was instructive and proved a very pleasant hour.

#### BANQUET

Wednesday at 6:30 dinner was served in the Travertine room of the Lincoln Hotel; Charles Cassel, President of the Indiana Library Trustees Association, presiding. Paul Matthews, of Indianapolis, entertained during the dinner hour with selections on the pipe-organ, and was so enthusiastically received that he responded with several encores. William M. Taylor, member of the State Library Board, started the

theme of the evening by telling "What we are doing to get a State Library Building," stressing the idea that "every librarian, trustee and visitor present" carry home "Library Expansion," get in touch with legislative representatives and in every possible way broadcast the need for a State Library building. Mrs. W. R. Davidson, of Evansville, and a member of the Executive Board of the Indiana Library Trustees Association said "The time is short and the need is great and we should have this matter of a State Library Building at heart." She submitted the following resolution which was enthusiastically adopted.

"Whereas, The State Library and its resources are of the utmost importance to the hundreds of libraries in the state and of still greater need to the thousands of citizens without any local library service, and

"Whereas, The usefulness of this institution is seriously handicapped and its development is impossible because of the lack of space,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Indiana Library Trustees Association and we, the members of the Indiana Library Association, who from our personal experience actually know the work and needs of this institution, indorse and support the movement for a State Library and historical building for which the legislature in 1929 will be asked to provide."

Mr. Cassel then read the following telegram:

"Miss Ethel Cleland—

Greetings of affection to all in conference fight for state library. Charles E. Rush."

From the applause, it is certain that Mr. Rush and the project have nothing but friends in Indiana.

Luther L. Dickerson, the new librarian of the Indianapolis Public Library told of his "Anticipations" in his work and of his "appreciation of being permitted to enter the State of Indiana."

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## THE STRAINED INTERLUDE

The Strained Interlude was a very clever farce written by Miss Mabel Leigh Hunt of the Indianapolis Public Library staff and presented by other members of the staff. It was a take-off on conditions in the State Library, and represented the director and his assistant using the measuring stick on the applicants to fill the place vacated by Miss Jennie Scott, occasioned by her inability to fit into the small available space. Miss Cleland, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Dickerson, Miss Snipes, Miss Warren and Mr. Cassel, the "trusty," were other objects of the jesting. The play was cleverly written and presented with spirit and complete success. Songs, dances and jokes were all thoroly enjoyed.

## Second General Session

The second general session was held in the Travertine room, Thursday morning, November 22nd, Miss Carrie E. Scott presiding. Miss Scott introduced Dr. Edna Hatfield Edmondson, Executive Secretary of the Indiana Parent-Teacher Association, Bloomington. Dr. Edmondson had as her subject the "Co-operation between Parent-Teacher Associations and Public Libraries." She said in part, "that the definite responsibility depends on the libraries and the extension divisions for furnishing sources of information and guiding the reading of parents and teachers—they must meet the responsibility of education—and the basis of all education is the educated parent." She stressed the education of parents and suggested the reading of the book "Parents and Teachers" published by Ginn & Co. "One of the many mistakes of parent-teacher organizations is made in the spending of their money; their duty should be in having available the books for the educating of parents and teachers in their work; and not for the buying of blinds, etc., as these are things necessary in the school, the payment for which should be made from the funds received from taxation." In conclusion, she said, "Your chairman, Miss Scott, will meet with the chair-

man of the University Extension Division to work out a definite program for co-operation of the organizations and the libraries."

## MISS HELEN M. CLARK

"The school library in relation to the local library" was the subject discussed by Miss Clark. She stated that "the schools should buy reference books (and use the public library for other material), magazines, a vertical file for clippings and possibly a few books for general reading."

## VIRGIL E. STINEBAUGH

Mr. Stinebaugh, Director of School Inspection, Indiana State Department of Public Instruction, in opening his remarks on "School libraries as I have found them," smiled and said, "Bless you, I haven't found them," and that he was like "the three wise men from Gotham who went to sea in a bowl—if the bowl had been stronger his song would be longer." "All agree we need good libraries, but they disagree as to what constitutes a good library." He also stated that every school needed a trained librarian, and all students should be instructed in the use and appreciation of books and libraries.

## Business Meeting, I. L. A.

Miss Cleland presided at the business meeting of the I. L. A. in the Travertine room at 11:00 a. m. Miss Ethel McCullough, Chairman of the Student Loan Committee submitted the following report, and upon her recommendation, same was accepted and ordered spread upon the secretary's minutes.

## STUDENT LOAN FUND REPORT

October 28, 1927, Due Student Loan Fund from I. L. A.....	\$151.33
November 19, 1927, Due Student Loan Fund on dues received since	
October 28, 1927.....	97.67
November 22, 1928, One-half interest on funds invested in Mutual Building & Loan Association, Gary, Ind.	14.46
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	\$263.46

November 22, 1928, Balance in Mutual Building & Loan, Gary.....\$263.46

(This does not include the dues taken in at the 1928 Conference, one-third of which goes to the Student Loan).

The report of the committee appointed to formulate a mode of procedure for the Indiana Library Association in procuring and administering a loan fund, is as follows:

A Loan Fund shall be established and maintained by the Indiana Library Association, such fund to be obtained by increasing membership dues 50 cents, all of which increase shall go into the fund; by voluntary gifts from librarians, trustees, friends of libraries, and by such other means as the Indiana Library Association shall from time to time adopt.

The object of this fund shall be to give financial assistance for professional training to such Indiana Library Association members as may have given sufficient evidence of possessing exceptional talent for library work, thus providing the means for developing professional leadership.

The Loan Fund shall be administered by a Loan Fund Committee which shall be constituted as follows: President of the Indiana Library Association who shall serve during his term of office and one year thereafter, the Director of the State Library and three other members to be elected annually from the membership of the Indiana Library Association. The committee shall elect from its membership a chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

The Loan Fund Committee shall receive and be held responsible for all money paid by the treasurer of the Indiana Library Association into the Loan Fund; it shall receive and act upon all applications for loans. At the time of the annual business meeting of the Indiana Library Association, the committee shall through its treasurer render an itemized account in writing of all money received and loaned.

Money may be loaned only to members of the Indiana Library Association who have

had at least twelve months library experience in the State of Indiana.

An applicant to whom a loan may be granted, may borrow an amount not to exceed \$500 payable in two equal installments in September and January, provided application is made in writing three months before the first installment is needed.

Interest on loans is to be paid at the rate of 6 per cent beginning one year from date of loan.

Any member of the Indiana Library Association borrowing funds shall sign the following agreement: I agree to pay to the Indiana Library Association Loan Fund as soon as possible the sum of.....with interest at the rate of six per cent, such interest beginning one year from date of loan.

The fund shall be deposited in a savings account drawing at least three per cent interest.

The auditing committee appointed to examine the treasurer's books of the Indiana Library Association shall also examine the accounts of the Loan Fund Committee.

Signed:

Bertha Ashby,  
Mary Torrance,  
Louis J. Bailey,  
Rachel Ogle,  
Ethel F. McCollough, Chairman.

Based on the idea of developing leadership in the library profession, possibly in the State of Indiana, it is a matter of personal concern to every member of the Association that the details of operation be worked out by the new executive board as speedily as may be compatible with our Constitution and By-laws.

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Miss Evelyn Sickles, Chairman, submitted a report of the formation of a Library section in the State Teachers Association, October 18th, as reported in the last number of the Occurrent. Motion made by Mr. Hamilton and duly seconded, to accept same and

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spread it upon the secretary's records. Adopted.

Miss Cleland asked that the money received from the exhibits at this meeting be given for publicity expense for the State Library building campaign. After discussion, motion was made and carried to this effect.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the legislative committee was presented by William Murray Hepburn of Purdue University library and recommended single attention to the matter of securing funds for the erection of a state library building. In discussing this legislation he said "This matter should not be left as it is—any organization can pass a resolution—but as far as this association is concerned *something should be said* about this project. And keep in mind several things. First. This is a non-political proposition; fighting will have to be done before the meeting of the legislature. Both parties have planks in their platforms sponsoring this building; librarians and trustees will have to work to put this over—and, before it comes to a vote, especially the trustees. Indirect influence is to stimulate the interest of the trustees and urge the matter to their attention. Use all local means available to make publicity of the matter. After adopting a resolution, the work must be followed up by librarians and *trustees*." Acceptance of the report was moved by Mr. Hepburn, seconded by Miss McCollough. Voted.

The following resolution was adopted:

## RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Indiana Library and Historical Board does not now have the necessary facilities at their disposal to care adequately for the state's library, historical and legislative reference activities committed to their charge, and

Whereas, They are unable to provide proper protection from the possibility of loss by fire and other hazards of the irreplaceable public archives and historical ma-

terial in the form of manuscripts, books, newspapers, periodicals, and pamphlets now in their possession; and

Whereas, They are unable to make available to readers much useful material now stored in inaccessible places, and

Whereas, They are unable to provide facilities for the care of other valuable records that properly should come under their jurisdiction or that could be secured by gift or purchase; and

Whereas, They find it difficult to carry on and impossible to extend and improve the basic services of reference, extension and research;

Therefore, Resolved, That the I. L. A. endorses the project initiated by the Library and Historical Board to provide a modern and adequate State Library and Historical Building and pledges its support collectively and individually to the efforts being made to secure an appropriation for this purpose from the State Legislature of 1929.

Further Resolved, That the Executive Board of the I. L. A. be authorized to make available from the funds of the Association to the Indiana Library and Historical Board a sum not to exceed \$100.00 for expenses connected with the campaign for such building.

## GIFTS—HONORARY MEMBERS

Miss Cleland reported a gift of \$20,000 to Hagerstown for a library building by Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Teetor of Hagerstown. Also a gift of a \$200,000 house to the Indianapolis Public Library by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Rauh, Indianapolis. The Executive Committee of the I. L. A. proposed that Mr. and Mrs. Rauh and Mr. and Mrs. Teetor be made honorary members of this Association. Motion made and carried to this effect, and Secretary ordered to so notify them.

## AMENDMENTS

The Secretary read the proposed amendments to Sections 6 and 7 of the Constitution, and sections 5, 7 and 9 of the By-laws.

Motion carried that these amendments become part of the Constitution and By-laws of the Indiana Library Association.

Section 6. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the last regular business session of each annual meeting and shall hold office until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are elected. *There shall also be elected three members of the Association who with the President, the retiring President, and the Director of the Library Division of the Indiana Library and Historical Department shall serve as the Loan Fund Committee. At the meeting of the Indiana Library Association in 1928, three members shall be elected, one to serve for one year, one to serve for two years, one to serve for three years. After 1928 one member shall be elected each year to serve for three years.*

Section 7. The officers together with the President of the preceding term, and the Director of the Indiana State Library, shall constitute the Executive Board, of which the President of the Association shall be chairman. The Executive Board shall administer the business affairs of the association, *shall act as the Board of the Indiana Library Association, Incorporated*, shall appoint special standing committees, shall fill vacancies in any office except that of president, shall arrange the program for the annual meeting and decide on the time and place of the same, except that the Association may take direct action on any question, revise the action of the Executive Board or give them mandatory instructions. The Executive Board shall recommend some person or persons to the Governor for appointment to membership on the Board of the Indiana Library and Historical Department as prescribed in Chap. 58 of the Statutes of the General Assembly of 1925. (As amended, Muncie, 1921, Indianapolis, 1926.)

#### BY-LAWS

Section 5. The Treasurer shall pay such bills as are approved by the Association or

the Executive Board and countersigned by the President. *Fifty cents of the annual dues of each member shall be set aside by the Treasurer and kept in a separate Loan Fund, such fund to be administered by the Loan Fund Committee.*

Section 7. Persons upon joining the Association shall pay \$1.50 which shall be accepted as annual dues for the current year. (As amended, Indianapolis, 1921.)

Section 9. Any person may become a life member exempt from annual dues by paying \$15.00. *Of each life membership fee \$5.00 shall be added to the Loan Fund.* (As amended, Indianapolis, 1921.)

#### PRINTING CONSTITUTION

Miss Carrie E. Scott made suggestion that each member of the Association receive a copy of the Constitution and By-laws during the year. A discussion followed resulting in a motion made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Miss Warren that the decision be left with the Executive Committee. (See page 18.)

#### CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

After discussion, the certification committee was dismissed; and motion made and adopted that the Executive Board appoint a new committee.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER

##### Receipts—

Balance in bank October 28, 1927...	\$91.60
Cash on hand .....	150.00
October 28, 1927, Sale, Mrs. May	
Lamberton Becker pamphlets ....	1.35
November 27, 1927, and May 3, 1928,	
From Louis J. Bailey receipts from	
exhibits at West Baden.....	150.00
November 18, 1927, Transfer from	
Mutual Building & Loan, Gary...	25.00
November 19, 1928, Dues received	
since last report .....	293.00
	\$710.95

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## Expenses—

I. L. A. Conference, West Baden, October 26-28, 1927 .....	\$443.09
Traveling Expenses, Executive Committee meeting, Indianapolis, February 23, 1928 .....	38.48
Postage .....	10.00
Stationery and Printing.....	10.55
A. L. A. Membership dues.....	12.50
Telegrams—Typing .....	2.33
 Total expenses (plus \$9.54 Student Loan Fund) .....	\$516.97
November 19, 1928, Balance in bank (Less \$9.54 Student Loan Fund) ..	193.98
 \$710.95	

The report as submitted by Miss Evangeline Lewis was then accepted as read and made part of the Secretary's minutes.

William J. Hamilton as Chairman of the Auditing Committee reported the treasurer's accounts to be correct and moved that same be adopted.

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

November 22, 1928.

The accounts of Evangeline Lewis, Treasurer of the Indiana Library Association have this day been carefully audited and this committee finds the reports and balance correct as shown to date just preceding this meeting, November 19, 1928.

Student Loan Fund.....	\$263.46
Balance in bank General Fund.....	193.98
Less Student Loan.....	9.54

General Fund ..... \$184.44

## Auditing Committee—

William J. Hamilton, Chairman.  
Myrtle J. Weatherholt.

## REPORT OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Resolutions move that a note of acknowledgement and thanks be sent to the following:

To the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, for the registration service of the Convention Bureau.

To the Hotel Lincoln and Charles M. Wells for courtesies and efficient service.

To the W. K. Stewart Co. for printing the programs.

To Wm. B. Burford Co. for printing the banquet tickets.

To L. S. Ayres & Co. for the tea and trip through the store.

To Charles E. Rush for his telegram.

To the speakers: Llewellyn Jones, Dhan Gopal Mukerji, Dr. Edna Hatfield Edmondson, Virgil E. Stinebaugh, Mrs. Demarchus C. Brown, Dr. Christopher B. Coleman and Dr. F. S. C. Wicks.

To Paul Matthews and Millard Burwell for music.

To Miss Maud Lewis for her assistance to the Treasurer.

To Miss Mable Leigh Hunt and the Staff of the Indianapolis Public Library for their play "The Strained Interlude."

To Miss Hazel Warren for the banquet arrangements.

To the Staffs of the Indianapolis Public Library and the Indiana State Library for their services.

We also move that the following resolution be adopted:

We note with regret the resignation from his position of Arthur Cunningham, one of the organizers of the Indiana Library Association and for thirty-eight years librarian of the Indiana State Normal School.

Evelyn M. Craig.  
Florence Venn.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following report:

## For officers of the I. L. A.:

President, Frank H. Whitmore, Librarian, East Chicago.

Vice-President, Miss Florence P. Crawford, Librarian, Emmeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, Terre Haute.

Secretary, Miss Hazel Burk, Librarian, Spencer.

Treasurer, Miss Caroline Dunn, Librarian, Connersville.

**Loan Fund:**

1. To serve for one year, Miss Ethel F. McCullough, Librarian, Evansville.
2. To serve for two years, Miss Eva Peck, Head of Business Department, Ft. Wayne-Allen County Library, Ft. Wayne.
3. To serve for three years, Miss Rachel Ogle, Librarian, Franklin College Library, Franklin.

**Signed by Committee:**

Mayme C. Snipes, Chairman.  
 Hazel B. Warren,  
 Carrie E. Scott.

Miss Snipes moved that the report be adopted by consent. It was so done and the above named officers were declared the officers of the Association for the year 1928-1929.

**1929 MEETING**

Mr. Hamilton very heartily and cordially invited the Association to hold the 1929 meeting in Gary. Invitations were also read from the Gary Commercial Club and Floyd E. Williams, Mayor of Gary. After discussion, it was left with the Executive Board to make decision at their first executive meeting.

**Business Meeting, I. L. T. A.**

The business meeting of the trustees was held in Parlor A. with Mr. Cassel presiding. The Secretary-Treasurer's reports were read and approved, after which the Auditing Committee reported a satisfactory audit of the treasurer's books and accounts, which report was adopted.

Miss Evelyn Craig, of the Resolutions Committee, reported the Joint Resolution as reported above, which was unanimously adopted. The resolution presented by Mrs. Davidson at the banquet was re-read and re-endorsed by the trustees at this time.

For the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Earl presented the following names for officers to serve for 1928-29:

For President, Miss Mary Pelton, Fowler.

For Vice-President, J. V. Keeler, Hammond.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Grace H. Price, West Lafayette.

Executive Committee: Officers, Charles Cassel, Connersville; Mrs. Wallace B. Campbell, Anderson; Mrs. George Bridwell, Bloomington; and Mrs. J. F. Brenneman, Columbia City. Mrs. Earl stated that the committee ignored Mr. Keeler's protests and placed him on the ticket. These officers were unanimously elected.

At this time Mr. Bailey spoke on the proposed measure to be presented to the legislature for a new state library and historical building, urging the trustees to do all they could in their communities to influence their representatives and senators to vote for this measure.

Mrs. Earl made a motion "That we donate our one third share of the exhibit rentals to be used by Mr. Bailey in his publicity work in this cause, and also that if necessary we give fifty dollars from our treasury." This received a second and was unanimously adopted.

Miss Orpha Maud Peters made a brief talk urging membership in A. L. A. This closed the business session.

**Group Luncheons**

Thursday noon, November 22. Group luncheons were held in different parts of the city for those interested in the same lines of work. These were planned to take the place of the various Round Tables of former years.

**LOAN SECTION LUNCHEON**

Wilma Reeve, of the Indianapolis Public library, and Eunice D. Henley, of the State library, were sponsors for the lending group luncheon which was held at the Columbia Club and attended by forty-nine.

Tables were arranged to seat six or eight persons so group conversation was possible. Since the prearranged talks were to be on very general subjects it was hoped that "shop" or any subject of specific interest might be discussed profitably if inclination so directed.

The informal program was based more or less on Miss Jennie Flexner's Circulation work in public libraries. Miss Flexner herself sent greetings to the group by letter. Suggestive excerpts lifted from the text of the book were used as subjects for three short talks.

Miss Alice D. Stevens, librarian of the Logansport public library, discussed "The librarian at the public desk occupies a strategic position in relation to both the staff and the public."

The admonition to "Develop a hobby or become engrossed in some particular group of books" was used by Miss Evalyn Waller, librarian at Knightstown, who has a special interest in first editions and the typography of the book.

Loan work connotes the librarian, her books and her patrons, Mrs. Carrie L. Pray, of Indianapolis, represented the patrons at this meeting and reviewed most interestingly some of the books of recent months.

#### BRANCH LIBRARIES

Cerene Ohr, Indianapolis public library, assisted by Jessie E. Logan, Indianapolis public library.

This luncheon was held at the Propylaeum with forty-four in attendance. Inasmuch as there are comparatively few libraries in the state which have branch libraries in the out-of-town attendance was most gratifying, although the majority of the guests were members of the Indianapolis public library branch staff. There were four from Gary, three from South Bend, one from Evansville, one from East Chicago, one from Muncie, one from Plymouth, four from Terre Haute, one from Noblesville and one "unknown" librarian from foreign parts.

The program was most informal, consisting of impromptu discussions of various problems connected with branch library work, ending with a short talk by Miss Mary Pratt, of the Indianapolis Shortridge High School, who spoke on "What my community library means to me."

The feeling of the group, on the whole,

seemed to be one of approval for the substitution of the luncheon for the old cut and dried round table which has been held formerly.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY LUNCHEON

Hazel B. Warren, Indiana State library, assisted by Margaret Winning, Fort Wayne public library.

Twenty-seven attended the county library luncheon at the Spink Arms Hotel. Ten librarians of fourteen of our county libraries attended, and all the others were those interested in extending service to their county.

After luncheon there was an informal discussion. Miss Ashby, librarian of Bloomington public library, where service has just been started in Monroe County, told of their campaign and their plans. This brought many questions from others. Time was entirely too short. All liked the luncheon idea rather than the round tables of former years, and expressed a desire that we have them next year, and give more time for discussion.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND CHILDREN'S WORK

Hostesses: Kate Dinsmoore and Bess Garten of the Indianapolis public library.

Place: Propylaeum, Portfolio Club Room.

Place cards, etc. Small books with futuristic cover designs; book lists at each place; Unusual stories to tell, Evansville public library; Books for the Teen Age, a few recent novels and biographies, Indianapolis public library (list Mrs. Schad based her talk on); Reading for pleasure (grades 1-8), Fort Wayne public library.

Roll call: Each person responded by giving her name, kind of work, and name of library. This helped noticeably in starting sociability.

Program: Commenced with dessert and coffee. Story telling—Miss Seip, Evansville public library told the story of *The Wonderful Umbrella*, by Rose Fyleman. Books for the Teen Age—Brief book reviews by Mrs.

Florence Schad, librarian, Manual Training High School library, Indianapolis.

Informal talks not on program. In response to a request from the Chairman, Miss Ruth Adamson, of the Terre Haute public library told of a visit to a children's library in Germany last summer.

Miss Carrie E. Scott, Indianapolis public library, Head of the Children's Section of the A. L. A., made announcements in regard to various interesting activities of that section.

#### REFERENCE AND COLLEGE WORK

Nellie M. Coats, Indiana State library, assisted by Florence L. Jones, Indianapolis public library.

Those present were asked to vote on their preference as to the arrangement of the Readers' Guide. All thirty-two voting were in favor of alphabetizing by title of the magazine. Twenty-two favored having the magazine title first. Mr. Noland, of the News was to have spoken on "Editing a questions and answers column," but was ill and unable to attend. Jack Stephens, of the W. K. Stewart Company, gave an informal talk on various experiences in book shops in Europe. The vote on the Readers' Guide was forwarded to the editor, Miss Alice M. Dougan, formerly of Purdue University library.

#### ORDER AND CATALOGING

Ruth Wallace, Indianapolis public library, assisted by Jennie F. Scott, Indiana State library.

The order and cataloging luncheon of the I. L. A. was held at the Benjamin Harrison home. Following the luncheon Miss Ruth Wallace, chairman, in her introductory remarks, gave a brief description of the Benjamin Harrison home, and also called attention to the biography of Benjamin Harrison, which is being compiled by A. T. Volwiler and will probably be published in two or three years.

Miss Wallace introduced Miss Bess McCreas, of the Cincinnati public library, who

gave a very interesting talk on her experience in Hawaii. Her subject included the conditions existing on the islands, the benefit derived from the libraries and the flexibility of their loan rules, in order to meet the needs of the people. She also mentioned that the first organized library was located in Honolulu in 1920.

Miss Wallace read some announcements, among them the request from Miss Weston that clippings regarding your library, or exhibits, and other items of interest, be sent to her as soon as possible.

Miss Leora Mabbitt, of Purdue University, was the next speaker. She discussed the merits of Margaret Mann's book "The classification and cataloging of books." Miss Mabbitt referred to chapters on organization in catalog rooms, how to read a book, and Mr. Dewey's solution of classification, which has been in use for more than forty-seven years. Miss Babbitt stated that the outstanding feature of the book was the correlation of all subjects.

Miss Edith Wright, of the Evansville public library, discussed the chapter of Miss Mann's book which deals with the cataloging of juvenile books. She emphasized the need for analyticals, the kind of literature required, the anticipation of needs, the value of good subjects and simplicity.

In conclusion a unanimous vote was accorded the luncheon plan in preference to the round table talks.

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Louis J. Bailey, sponsor.

Twenty-four trustees attended the luncheon at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Everyone joined in an informal discussion of rules for the board, the value of advertising, charges for service to non-residents, attendance of the librarian at board meetings, developing special features of local value, etc.

#### Third General Session

Thursday afternoon, November 22. Frank H. Whitmore, Vice-President of the I. L. A.

presided at the joint session, which was held in the main room of the Indianapolis public library thru the courtesy of the trustees and the librarian.

MRS. DEMARCHUS C. BROWN

Mr. Whitmore introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Brown, who, as he said, needed no introduction, especially to an Indianapolis audience; rather "Mrs. Brown, your audience." Mrs. Brown, using the title "Under tropic skies" told of her experiences in Cambodia, a French province in Indo-China. The description of a country and the customs of a people so very little known was a delightful treat at the hands of so masterful a speaker.

Mr. Whitmore, in behalf of the two organizations, extended thanks for the use of the library. Tea was served and many visitors were shown through the library by members of the staff.

**Fourth General Session**

Thursday evening. The fourth general session was held in the Travertine Room of the Hotel Lincoln, with Theodore F. Vonnegut, President of the Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners, presiding. Millard Burwell, of Indianapolis, sang a group of spirituals, "Nobody knows," "Swing low sweet chariot," "Were you there when they crucified my Lord," and others which were very much appreciated.

DHAN GOPAL MUKERJI

Mr. Vonnegut then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dhan Gopal Mukerji, who had as his subject "India." He discussed four things which, he said, "bothered the American mind," The caste system, Woman's position, Cruelty to women, and Drainage. He also said: "India will receive her sovereign rights through a universal English language within a generation.

"Our 300,000,000 people have not the courage to free themselves. The cowardice in India has kept it down. I say such criticism about my own country because it

shows that we can stand any kind of criticism. It deserves to be free and to meet other nations on an equal footing. Neither I nor missionaries have ever seen the cruelty of India that is talked about so much.

"For the first time India has lost its isolation and it must prove its worthiness now in competition with the rest of the world. It is composed of good and spiritual people who help to make it a self-respecting nation."

"The East is starving from too much meditation and the West is doing so much that it does not know what it is doing. We must combine being and doing on a non-commercial basis for the promotion of a peaceful world. We can teach each other and exchange meditation of the spiritual for the action of the mechanical."

**I. L. A. Session**

Friday, November 23. The session of the I. L. A. was called to order at 10 a. m., Travertine Room, Miss Ethel F. McCullough, Evansville, presiding. A resignation was received from Miss Hazel Burk, newly elected secretary of the I. L. A. Miss Mayme C. Snipes, chairman of the nominating committee, made a motion, which was duly seconded, that Myrtle Weatherholt, of Crawfordsville be elected to fill the vacancy. Motion adopted.

**A. L. A. MEMBERSHIP**

Miss Orpha Maud Peters asked that she be allowed to make a plea for A. L. A. memberships. "We as librarians and people interested in library work must show in some tangible way that we *are* interested. If we are to receive this \$1,000,000 Carnegie endowment, why not each one of us act as a sub-committee to get at least one new member. Let us get that world vision; if we do we are going to be able to afford a membership in the A. L. A."

**BOOK SYMPOSIUM**

Miss McCullough introduced Miss Grace Kerr who discussed the buying of "Sub-

scription Sets," which has been printed in full in the *Library Journal* for January 1, 1929, and from which we extract the following paragraphs:

"To those of us who spend many of our waking hours working with books in public libraries, avidly reading books we find there or in our homes or in bookstores, and learning about new books in the endless review mediums we must peruse or perish—nearly all inspired through "regular trade" channels, the subscription book field is a vague unexplored region. Some time in the course of our careers most of us have been warned about its perils or pitfalls, but it is not until an aroused interest and curiosity, or perhaps a request to write a paper, drive us to investigate conditions somewhat that we discover with amazement the vast extent and variety of this vigorous and far-reaching arm of book distribution activities. The 1928 *American Book Trade Directory* lists no less than 162 subscription book concerns in the United States, either independent companies or subscription departments of well-known publishing houses, selling their product through canvassing agents, through advertising in magazines and newspapers, or through direct solicitation of individual "prospects" by mail, or a combination of all three methods, and, in some cases, through the regular book agencies as well. Selling methods vary from control by the original publishers directly or thru district and local representatives—an organization often complex enough—to a bewildering labyrinth of distributing agencies, sales of plates and copyright to other publishers or jobbers who have quite different ideas, and who apparently feel free to change titles, number of volumes and binding, and revise the text, until in the case of many sets now on the market it takes an expert librarian indeed, and a patient one, to trace them to their origins. A subscription book that does not sell well over a hundred thousand copies is counted a failure, and Mr. Haldeman-Julius has just published an account of his first hundred million; the

inference that there will be other hundred millions to follow seems quite credible. In between these figures are those for the enormous sales of the lectures of Stoddard and of Burton Holmes, Lord's Beacon Lights of History, the Five-Foot Shelf and many other famous collections, figures at first thought startling to those of us who are accustomed to thinking in terms of regular trade best-sellers—and a little disconcerting, too, when we ponder on our struggles to coax people within our portals to secure books with no dollar down and dollar a minute attachments. Mass production and intensive selling over nation-wide areas are now the mainstays of a business that has flourished in this country for over 125 years, and will probably be a force to be reckoned with for years to come. It is true a goodly number of people will go of their own volition, or can be persuaded to go to libraries and bookstores and obtain books; many remain, however, to prove the truth of the saying that there are precisely two really effective ways of selling books, to compel people to buy as we do with some textbooks, or to prohibit them from buying, as we do, with banned books; either method is equally efficacious, and the subscription publishers seem to have taken for their own and practically mastered the compelling method. Theirs is a business that seems to shout for superlatives in describing it; it has been extolled as a pioneer missionary project, bringing the blessing of books to the bookless, and anathematized as a complete history of crime, exploiting the ignorance and credulity of the people—the one description quite as ludicrous and fantastic as the other.

"A field offering such vast possibilities naturally attracts the unscrupulous profiteer as well as the honorable business man who respects himself and others, and some of the abuses practiced have become alarmingly prevalent. The very longing of thousands of parents to give their children advantages they themselves have never enjoyed, and their willingness to go without

the necessities of life if the children will benefit thereby, have been mercilessly exploited by the introduction into countless homes of worthless so-called "educational" sets, sold as representing the best in the literary and school world. Spurious "limited" editions have been sold to the undiscriminating in unlimited quantities; and standard author sets, poorly printed but flamboyantly bound, have masqueraded as worthy examples of the bookmaker's art. As lovers of the good, the true and the beautiful in books, librarians deeply deplore such practices, but do not as a rule suffer directly from them. Our principal indictments are probably the following: First, misrepresentation as to the price of sets offered, and the value of book premiums or extension services offered with them; this refers to the frequently used device of stating that an extra set of books, upon which an entirely fictitious value is placed, will be given free if the set being sold is taken; or of stating that the set itself will be given free, if the recipient subscribes to an extension service, to be continued for some years and to cost from \$30 to \$60 or considerably more, when, as a matter of fact, the sum asked would amply cover the cost of both books and service, even if the latter were actually delivered, which is sometimes not the case. Second, the misuse of testimonials, a sad subject which will not be enlarged upon here. Third, misrepresentation as to authorship and date of compilation. Most of us have frequently experienced considerable difficulty when we tried to discover what part the eminent men and women whose names appear on title pages actually took in editing or compiling their works; and we have also been misled by the omission of early copyright dates, when only the latest is specified on the verso of the title page, although the set has had a long career of revisions. Fourth, the ever-present changed title problem. We have all met with the set of books offered under a title new to us, which proves upon examination to be one of our old pets, or pet aver-

sions, masquerading under a second, third or even a fourth name. This change may have been made by the original publishers, or by others who have purchased the plates of an old or unpopular set whose sale has diminished, have added enough new material to secure a new copyright date, and have then issued the set as a new work. There are, of course, other practices that make us more or less trouble, but enough have been enumerated for our purpose.

"There are signs in the heavens, and in Chicago, that our own national association is considering a modification of its policy of ignoring the existence of the subscription book problem. A Committee to consider it was appointed last year and continued for 1927-28, with Miss Julia Ideson, of the Houston, Texas public library as chairman; Indiana is represented on this Committee by Miss Carrie E. Scott. A thoughtful and constructive report was submitted, and it was suggested among other points that libraries be furnished with information regarding subscription sets thru the national office and that they be encouraged to offer information to their committees. While action is pending, realizing that the problem is in all probability to receive some special attention for the next few years, we shall want to inform ourselves about what has been done and to keep in touch with developments. I would suggest that you send for a file of the *Subscription Books Bulletin* of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, if you do not already have it, and give a little time to study of the analyses of a number of subscription sets now on the market. In the issue of January, 1922, reprinted in the *Booklist* for May, 1922, will be found a list of points for judging subscription books, which should be kept in mind as you go through the bulletins, and if you will then examine one or two of the sets already in your own collection, with these criteria in mind, you will almost certainly become interested in the problems involved, and you will not need to be urged

to give a little time when possible to the claims of agents who come to your library.

"It cannot be disputed that the interests of peace and quiet and assured safety will be furthered by simply saying "I never talk to book agents," or "I never buy subscription books," but a well-informed, firm, and withal friendly attitude is surely more in accordance with our ideals. If we are careful not to give the impression that we may buy subscription books in cases where all we want is information, but on the contrary make it plain from the first that there are few we need or cannot wait for until they appear in the remainder or second-hand trade at reduced prices; that we never buy on a first interview, and always need time to go over any printed descriptive matter that can be left with us, to write to other libraries, and when possible examine sets personally; that we never give testimonials nor accept subscription sets from agents as gifts; and that we do not believe it our province to oppose purchases about which our advice is asked by readers, but only to make sure they know about what is available in the class of books or the subject in which they are interested, so that they can themselves make an intelligent decision—we shall then have taken most of the precautions suggested by prudence. After we have investigated these books and have come to our conclusion it will be well to make sure our reasons are clear and definite, to make full notes for future reference, and then, if the decision must be adverse to make a real effort to make our position clear to the agent. It is surprising to find how often a judicial but frank statement will be taken in a fine spirit and even appreciated, and we are spared the uncomfortable feeling that an agent who thinks he has been summarily and unjustly treated is perhaps spreading an unfriendly feeling toward the library as he goes from door to door in our community.

"The problem of subscription books is a real one, and we all hope something constructive, on a nation-wide scale, can be

done toward solving it in the near future. In the meantime, intelligent interest is sure to help, and as you try to give the question some attention in your busy lives, you will find it one of the most baffling but entertaining chapters in the history of the game we are all playing—the distribution of books and the promotion of reading. And in all our study of the question, let us keep to the purpose with which Bacon tells us to read, 'not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.'

Miss Frieda Newman of the Indianapolis public library staff gave us the saleswoman's point of view of "sets." She took us into a home and practically sold each and every one of us an impossible "set" of books. Miss Alice Stevens of the Logansport public library, gave several experiences with book-agents. She said she had sent to the Pacific Northwest Library Association for their bulletin on "sets," and Miss Kerr suggested that since the supply was reported almost exhausted she herself would be glad to send a copy of any of its notes on any particular set in which libraries over the state may be interested if they would address her in care of the Order department of the Indianapolis public library.

Miss Mayme C. Snipes then spoke of the utter waste of money, that may occur in a small library where "caution and judgment should be used in buying." Miss Annette Clark stated that the matter had been so ably taken care of that she would just add a foot-note on "salesmen," and gave several instances of the salesmen giving false references. Miss Mary Orvis, of the Indiana University extension division, whose subject was John Burroughs, said she would rather talk about the High Powered Salesman who sold "Courses" instead of "books." She urged that we keep in mind the extension courses of the University; they save money, also a lot of disillusionment over the so-called "Commercial Courses."

## RESOLUTION—SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS

Resolved: That the Indiana Library Association, in conference November 21-23, records its appreciation of the work of the Pacific Northwest Library Association Committee on Subscription Books and its active sympathy in the aims of the American Library Association Committee on Subscription Books, appointed in 1927 and continued in 1928; also its desire to co-operate in any way possible, especially in any measures taken toward the publication of a subscription books evaluation by the American Library Association. Adopted.

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN READING?

Miss Inez Crandle of the Evansville public library discussed Beveridge's Lincoln. In comparison with Mr. Sandburg's Lincoln, Miss Crandle states "Mr. Sandburg's poetic style sometimes carries one away so that the man is almost forgotten. Not so with Mr. Beveridge—Lincoln stands out clearly in every scene and action. The authenticity of the work is keenly felt."

Dr. F. S. C. Wicks of Indianapolis reviewed Red Rust by Cornelia Cannon, and The Bridge of San Luis Rey by Thornton Wilder. Dr. Wicks gave the story of Red Rust, but as Dr. Coleman states "he had often wondered why the Bridge of San Luis Rey fell down; now he knew, it was weighted down by Red Rust" as Dr. Wicks did not mention the book except in the title.

Miss Caroline Dunn, librarian Connersville public library, reviewed "The Modern Cat; her mind and manners," which she said is a serious study of cat psychology.

Dr. Christopher B. Coleman of the Indiana Historical Bureau reviewed "A history of the ancient world" by Michael Ivanovich Rostovtz. The story is told with attention to the major developments as they concerned the people of the time and as they still concern the world. Profusely illustrated, satisfactorily indexed with a full chronology and an admirable bibliography, it is a most excellent example of well writ-

ten history, clear, forceful, comprehensive, and an admirable piece of bookmaking.

Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb discussed the manner of writing and the content of the book "The James Gordon Bennetts; father and son" by Don Carlo Seitz. "Mr. Bennett was the founder of the New York Herald and really the originator of what is now known as the Associated Press. The book is also the story of the evolution of the newspaper."

After announcement of the officers for 1928-1929, the session adjourned.

## I. L. T. A. Session

For the closing session the Trustees met in Parlor A, with Mr. Cassel presiding.

The first topic "The library budget" was discussed by E. P. Brennan, of the State Board of Accounts, the Chief Examiner, Lawrence F. Orr, not being able to be present. Mr. Brennan gave a very clear and full explanation of the law and the requirements, and answered many questions propounded to him. H. C. Sceare of Mooresville and Miss Margaret Wade of Anderson also talked on this subject. This being a vital matter to all libraries, a considerable time was given to this subject.

"How we got our library building" was explained by C. D. Billings of Seymour, who told how their librarian was persistent in her efforts to get the Board to enlarge their library and how the Board financed and managed the matter. Any one contemplating enlarging a library building or the issuance of bonds for that purpose, or for a new one, will gain much important data from the Board at Seymour.

It being past the noon hour, Mrs. Grace H. Price, who was to have spoken on "Co-operation between trustees and librarians" suggested the postponement of her talk until another time.

Mr. Cassel closed the meeting with expressions of his thanks and sincere appreciation to all who had helped him during his two years in office, and to those who had

made the programs and meeting so successful.

**MRS. GLADYS H. BRENNEMAN, Secy.-Treas., I. L. T. A.**  
**MISS LOLA E. NOLTE, Secretary, I. L. A.**

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Indiana Library Association and the Executive Board of the Indiana Library Trustees Association met in joint session in the Historical Room of the State House at 11 a. m., February 23, 1928. Miss Ethel Cleland, librarian of the Business Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library and President of the I. L. A. presided. Members and others asked to be present were:

William J. Hamilton, President 1926-27  
Miss Hazel B. Warren, Chief Extension division, state library

Frank H. Whitmore, Vice-President  
Miss Evangeline Lewis, Treasurer  
Miss Lola Nolte, Secretary  
Charles Cassel, President I. L. T. A.  
Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Evansville  
Mrs. W. E. Campbell, Anderson  
Miss Carrie E. Scott, Mooresville  
Louis J. Bailey, Director State Library.

After an informal discussion, it was decided to hold the joint meeting of the I. L. A. and the I. L. T. A. in Indianapolis, November 21, 22 and 23. Time was reserved with the Lincoln Hotel management for these dates; and Mr. Bailey was elected by consent to take charge of the exhibits for this meeting.

General discussion and suggestions for the program resulted in leaving a list of names of possible speakers with Miss Ethel Cleland for consideration.

The members of the I. L. T. A. adjourned. Motion made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Whitmore that the money for the Student Loan Fund be transferred to the Loan Fund account every three months, to begin with July 1, 1928.

The President appointed the following committees:

#### Legislative Committee

W. A. Alexander, Indiana University  
W. M. Hepburn, Purdue University  
Ethel G. Baker, South Bend  
Margaret A. Wade, Anderson  
Ethel McCollough, Evansville

#### Scholarship Committee

Ethel McCollough, Evansville  
Carrie E. Scott, Indianapolis  
Mary Rossell, Fort Wayne  
Louis J. Bailey, Indianapolis  
Ethel Cleland, Indianapolis

#### Educational Committee

Evelyn Sickles, Indianapolis, Manual Training High School  
Sylvia Oakley, South Bend High School  
Erdean McCloud, Fort Wayne  
Leona Hawver, Hammond High School  
Helen Clark, State Library, Indianapolis  
Motion made and carried to allow railroad expenses of the out-of-town members attending the executive meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

**LOLA E. NOLTE, Secretary, I. L. A.**

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The work of education progresses as long as life lasts. The education of the adult is as important as the education of the child. The library seems to be naturally fitted beyond any other institution for this service. In co-operation with the school, the library could undoubtedly develop a system of education that would be adequate for the average adult at work, as the college course is adequate for the young man and young woman of greater leisure. If we can picture to ourselves a system of local libraries, whose physical upkeep is assured by local taxation, whose more general needs are met by liberal state policy, and whose exceptional needs are furnished by a large central library, a system closely affiliated with all adult education (and cultural organization), we have some idea of the possibilities of library development.—John H. Finley.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

(As amended 1913, 1921, 1926, 1928)

### NAME

*Section 1.* This organization shall be called the Indiana Library Association.

### OBJECT

*Section 2.* Its object shall be to promote the library interests of Indiana.

### MEMBERS

*Section 3.* Any person actively engaged in library work in Indiana may become a member of the Association by paying the annual dues. Other persons interested in library or allied educational work may become members after election by the Executive Board and payment of the annual dues.

*Section 4.* On nomination of the Executive Board, persons who have rendered important services to library interests in the State, but who are not at the time actively identified with library work within the State, may be elected honorary members by unanimous vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

*Section 5.* Any individual may become a life member, exempt from annual dues, by paying the required fee. Such fees shall be invested by the Executive Board and held as a permanent endowment fund.

### OFFICERS

*Section 6.* The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the last regular business session of each annual meeting and shall hold office until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are elected. There shall also be elected three members of the Association who with the President, the retiring President and the Director of the Library Division of the Indiana Library and Historical Department shall serve as the Loan Fund Committee. At the meeting of the Indiana Library Association in 1928, three mem-

bers shall be elected, one to serve for one year, one to serve for two years, one to serve for three years. After 1928 one member shall be elected each year to serve for three years.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Section 7.* The officers together with the President of the preceding term and the Director of the Library Division of the Indiana Library and Historical Department shall constitute the Executive Board, of which the President of the Association shall be the chairman. The Executive Board shall administer the business affairs of the Association, shall act as the Board of Directors of the Indiana Library Association, Incorporated, shall appoint special and standing committees, shall fill vacancies in any office except that of President, shall arrange the program for the annual meeting and decide on the time and place of the same, except that the Association may take direct action on any question, revise the action of the Executive Board or give them mandatory instructions. The Executive Board shall recommend some person or persons to the Governor for appointment to membership on the Board of Indiana Library and Historical Department as presented in Chap. 5 of the Statutes of the General Assembly of 1925.

*Section 8.* There is hereby created a Committee on District Meetings, which shall consist of the officers of the Association together with the President of the preceding term and the Director of the Library Division of the Indiana Library and Historical Department. The Director of the Library Division of the Indiana Library and Historical Department shall be chairman of the Committee on District Meetings. This Committee shall divide the State into Districts, appoint district secretaries and supervise the district meetings, at least one of which shall be

held in each district annually. The district secretaries shall make reports after each meeting which shall be submitted to the chairman of the committee.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Section 9.** At the first session of each annual meeting, the Executive Board shall appoint a Committee of three on nominations, which shall report at the last regular session of the annual business meeting. The Nominating Committee shall propose one name for each elective office of the Association. It shall also receive and report to the Association the names of other candidates proposed in writing by five or more members, provided that the consent of the person or persons so nominated accompanies the petition presented to the Committee. In case of a contest for any office or offices, the President shall appoint two tellers to conduct the balloting. In the absence of other nominations the adoption of the report of the Nominating Committee shall be considered an election.

#### MEETINGS

**Section 10.** There shall be an annual meeting of the Association at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Board.

**Section 11.** Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Executive Board, on the written request of ten or more members of the Association. At least three weeks notice of such called meetings shall be given and only business mentioned in the call shall be transacted.

#### QUORUM

**Section 12.** Fifteen members representing at least ten institutions shall constitute a quorum of the Association. Three members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

#### AMENDMENTS

**Section 13.** This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Associa-

tion by a two-thirds vote of the enrolled members present, provided that written or printed notice of the proposed amendment be sent to the members, by the Secretary, at least two weeks previously.

**Section 14.** The By-Laws may be amended or any By-Law temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the enrolled members present at any meeting of the Association.

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Intelligence is the surest safeguard of democracy, and the well-advised use of books is the surest way to cultivate intelligence.

—The Outlook.

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It is within our experience that the gracious side of life, the presence of which is of an importance equal to that of efficiency, will not have a fair chance of functioning, if the load of the task laid upon the individual is too heavy, the pace too rapid, or the function merely that of enervating grind. The day is long gone by when we conceived the librarian as holding a position of ease and comfort, reclining in a chair, poring over a book and unconscious of his surroundings. The librarian today is an operator, a well-attuned part of an educational organization, but perhaps even more valuable as an independent assistant left to his own initiative and alertness. In short, this public servant is not mere keeper of books but a diagnostician of the needs of his fellows, eager and prepared to prescribe as the occasion requires or as mutual confidences may determine. If the librarian is merely driven or swept through the day's work, conscious of not being able to take care of the waiting line, then many of the finest opportunities for service for these book experts are lost: the institution partakes somewhat of a mass production plant with everything standardized and the individual submerged.

—Adam Strohm.

## BY-LAWS OF THE INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

(As amended 1920, 1927, 1928)

### OFFICERS

*Section 1.* The term of all officers of this Association shall commence at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

*Section 2.* The duties of all officers shall be such as are ordinarily implied by their respective titles in addition to duties specifically mentioned in the By-Laws.

*Section 3.* The Secretary and the Treasurer shall render annual reports to the Association at its annual meeting, and these reports shall be filed and preserved with the records of the Association.

*Section 4.* The Secretary shall preserve a complete file of records of the Proceedings of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board.

### DUES

*Section 5.* The Treasurer shall pay such bills as are approved by the Association or the Executive Board and countersigned by the President. Fifty cents (\$0.50) of the annual dues of each member shall be set aside by the Treasurer and kept in a separate Loan Fund, such Fund to be administered by the Loan Fund Committee.

*Section 6.* The Secretary shall transmit reports of all meetings of this Association to Public Libraries, the Library Journal and the Library Occurrent in time for the issue following the date of the meeting.

*Section 7.* Persons upon joining the Association shall pay \$1.50 which shall be accepted as annual dues for the current year.

*Section 8.* Annual dues shall be payable on the first day of January of each year.

*Section 9.* Any person may become a life member exempt from annual dues by paying \$15.00. Of each life membership fee \$5.00 shall be added to the Loan Fund.

*Section 10.* No member who is in arrears for the dues of the current year shall hold office in the Association or take an active part in the meetings.

*Section 11.* Membership fees and annual dues shall be payable to the Treasurer, who shall mail notices of such dues to all members on or before the first day of February of each year, and a second notice to all members who have failed to pay the same on or before the first day of September of each year.

*Section 12.* The Association shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

### THE I. L. A. LOAN FUND

At the business meeting of the I. L. A. held November 22, 1928, the changes in the constitution of the organization necessary to put in operation the machinery for administering the loan fund were formally adopted by the association.

The committee who will have charge of the fund in 1928-1929 consists of the following members: Eva Peck, Rachel Ogle, L. J. Bailey, F. H. Whitmore, Ethel Cleland and Ethel F. McCollough.

There is between \$300 and \$400 in the loan fund at the present time but it seems unwise to begin lending money until \$500 is available. To the committee it also seems very important that the fund be built up as rapidly as possible since it may be desirable to make loans to several persons at one time.

The constitution provides that fifty cents of the annual dues of each member shall be set aside by the treasurer and kept in a separate loan fund. This means a steady but very slow growth. And so the Loan Fund Committee is appealing to "librarians, trustees and friends of libraries" for gifts sufficiently large to swing the fund into immediate action.

The establishing of the loan fund is an important and constructive effort to raise

## LIBRARY OCCURRENT

the standard of librarianship in the state. Will you do what you can to interest your friends to the point of making substantial contributions? And will you mail your personal check today to Ethel F. McCollough, Central Library, Evansville?

### LETTERS OF INTEREST

December 10, 1928.

Indiana Library Association,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of the 28th, would say that we wish to thank you very kindly for placing us on your honorary membership list of the Indiana Library Association.

We can assure you that it has been a great pleasure for us to be in a position to build and present to this community the library building, which will be completed by early spring. This library, we believe, is modern in every way and we sincerely hope that it will be a benefit to the community for years to come. It is being built entirely of brick and stone—fire proof throughout—and has all of the conveniences that could be hoped for.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) C. N. TEETOR.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Teetor.

Indianapolis, Ind.  
December 1, 1928.

Miss Lola Nolte, Alexandrian Free Library,  
Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Dear Miss Nolte:

Your letter of November 28th, notifying us that we were elected as honorary members of your Association came to hand.

It is hardly necessary for us to say that we feel highly honored to be members of your Association. We wish to express our great appreciation.

It is always a pleasure to give and we feel

proud that we have received so many congratulations on our gift.

Adding our kindest personal regards, we beg to remain,

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) MR. AND MRS. S. E. RAUH.

January 22, 1929

Mr. Louis J. Bailey, Director,  
Indiana State Library,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Bailey:

Since the Occurrent is mailed not only to each library in the state but to librarians and trustees as well, will you kindly print this letter giving information concerning additional helps to be received by A. L. A. members?

Three directories are being published; one for children's librarians, one for school librarians, and one for those employed in college, reference and university libraries. A large number of librarians can be placed in these three classifications and the directories will be valuable in securing assistants. They add greatly to the benefits to be received from membership in the A. L. A.

Those who are members have received a membership slip. It came with your December A. L. A. Bulletin. Will you please respond at once with your membership dues. If each member will do this, the A. L. A. will be saved at least \$200.00 in postage alone to say nothing of the expense of preparing these notices for mailing. This expense should not be necessary. To save further expense, names of those whose dues are unpaid will be dropped from the mailing list after April, 1929. Will you do your share and forward your dues at once? Will you also try to interest others in the benefits to be derived from membership in the A. L. A. and the opportunity provided thereby to further library work?

Sincerely yours,  
ORPHA MAUD PETERS,  
Membership Chairman for Indiana.

## LIBRARY OCCURRENT

### BOOK NOTES

A new biographical book for boys is "The Boys' Life of the Wright Brothers" by Mitchell V. Charnley, of Detroit, but formerly of Goshen, Indiana. It gives in detail the story of the early life of Wilbur and Orville Wright and their numerous experimental steps in the invention of the airplane. The story is simply told and reads almost like fiction. It will be interesting to boys, and likewise girls, ten years old and over. Harper & Bros., New York. 1928. \$2.00.

Dr. James A. Woodburn, of Indiana University, and Thomas F. Moran, of Purdue University, have revised and rewritten "The Citizen and the Republic" a textbook for secondary schools which was first published in 1918. This book covers the following topics: Government and Its Growth; The National Government; Political Parties; Problems of American Democracy; and America as a World Power. Longmans, Green and Co., New York, 1928. \$1.64.

Andrew Farrell, formerly of Paoli, Indiana, is the author of an attractive book called "John Cameron's Odyssey." It is the story of the wanderings of Captain John Cameron during his thirty years in the South Seas, China and Japan. Clever illustrations by Charles Kuhn add an interesting touch to the book. Macmillan Co., New York. 1928. \$4.50.

A play that is very appropriate at the present time is "Strait Through the Western Gate" by Edith Lombard Squires, of Richmond, Indiana. It deals with the capture of Vincennes by George Rogers Clark in 1779. The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of this event is being celebrated at Vincennes February 25 of this year. The narrative is twenty-six pages in length and may be used either as a play or a reading. Published by the author, 110 South Twenty-second Street, Richmond, Indiana, 1928. Price twenty-five cents.

A small pamphlet by Curtis G. Shake called "A history of Vincennes University"

gives a history of that institution from its organization in 1806 to the present time. It is illustrated with pictures of the University buildings and portraits of its early supporters. Published by the University, Vincennes, Ind. 1928.

"A Hoosier Tramp" by Samuel A. Harper is a description of a walk through the Dune country. It includes a visit to the studio of Frank V. Dudley, artist of the Dunes. Published by the Prairie Club, 38 South Dearborn St., Chicago. 1928.

"The World Does Move" by Booth Tarkington is a review of the late nineties and the early twentieth century. Manners and customs in the beginning of that period are vividly contrasted with those of the present time. The book is semi-autobiographical and is written largely in the first person. It is made up of incidents in the author's life in New York, in his visits abroad, and in the intervals spent in his home town. Indianapolis is referred to only as "the Midland city" but there is no question but that it is Indianapolis. His comments on the changes which have taken place in that city are all the more interesting because of his long periods away from home. Doubleday, Doran & Co., New York. 1928. \$2.50.

The dunes of northern Indiana are scientifically described in a volume published for the Geographic Society, of Chicago, as Bulletin No. 8. It is called The Indiana sand dunes and shore lines of the Lake Michigan basin, and is by George B. Cressey. It is mainly a geological study, both general and historical, and answers many questions as to the origin and growth of this fascinating region. It has a good map and twenty plates. University of Chicago Press. 1928.

The first annual supplement to the Social sciences section of the Standard Catalog has been issued by the H. W. Wilson Company and is a good buying and reference list of the 149 latest books on the subject. Brief but adequate notes and an author

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title index make this a useful tool. Wilson. 1928. 50c.

**Indiana Documents Received at the Indiana State Library During November and December, 1928**

**Charities, Board of State. Bulletin No. 163, October, 1928.**

**Charities, Board of State. Bulletin No. 164, November, 1928.**

**Conservation, Dept. of. Pub. No. 75, "Geology of the Silurian Rocks of Northern Indiana." By Cumings and Shrock.**

**Conservation, Dept. of. Pub. No. 77, "Quantitative Study of the Bottom Fauna of Lake Wawasee." By Scott, Hile and Spieth.**

**\*Historical Bureau. Collections V. 16, "Bibliography of the Laws of Indiana."**

**\*Health, Board of. Bulletin V. 31, No. 10, October, 1928.**

**\*Health, Board of. Bulletin V. 31, No. 11, November, 1928.**

**"Indiana 1779-1929." Pub. for George Rogers Clark 150th anniversary.**

**"Indiana" by Mrs. Edward Franklin White.**

**Livestock Breeders Assn. Report, 1928. Covers annual meeting, January 11 and 12, 1928.**

**\*Public Instruction, Dept. of. Directory of Indiana School officials 1928-1929.**

**Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home. Report, 1928.**

**Social Work, State Conference on. Committee on Delinquency. 1st Report, October 14, 1928.**

### January, 1929

**Blind, School for. Report, 1928.**

**Boys' School. Report, 1928.**

**Central State Hospital. Report, 1928.**

**Girls' School. Report, 1928.**

**Governor Leslie's Inaugural Address, and Message to 76th General Assembly 1929.**

**\*Health, Board of. Bul. V. 31, No. 12, December, 1928.**

**\*Insurance, Dept. of. Report, 1928.**

**Logansport State Hospital. Report, 1928.**

**Madison State Hospital. Report, 1928.**

**Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, State Board of. Report, 1928.**

**Proposed Indiana Domestic and Foreign Corporations Act.**

**Richmond State Hospital. Report, 1928.**

**State Farm. Report, 1928.**

**Woman's Prison. Report, 1928.**

### Some New Books in the State Library

(1928 unless otherwise dated.)

### RELIGION

**Baikie, James. English Bible and its story. Lippincott, n.d.**

\* Not given to the library for distribution.

**Battenhouse, Henry M. Bible Unlocked. Century**

**Bradley, Francis Herbert. Ethical studies. Clarendon, 1927**

**Browne, Lewis. Graphic Bible. Macmillan. Coe, George Albert. Motives of men. Scribner**

**Hurst, George Leopold. Literary background of the New Testament. Macmillan**

**Jones, Rufus Matthew. New quest. Macmillan**

**McConnell, Francis John. Humanism and Christianity. Macmillan**

**Mathews, Shailer. Jesus on social institutions. Macmillan**

**Parshley, Howard Madison. Science and good behavior. Bobbs**

**Pratt, James Bissett. Pilgrimage of Buddhism; and a Buddhist pilgrimage. Macmillan**

**Sellars, Roy Wood. Religion coming of age. Macmillan**

### ECONOMICS-SOCIOLOGY

**Barnes, Harry Elmer. Living in the twentieth century; a consideration of how we got this way. Bobbs**

**Bassett, John Spencer. League of nations. Longmans**

**Beard, Charles A. ed. Whither mankind. Longmans**

**Bent, Silas. Strange bedfellows. Liveright.**

**Borsodi, Ralph. Distribution age. Appleton, 1927**

**Calverton, V. F. Bankruptcy of marriage. Macaulay**

**Dewey, John. Public and its problems. Holt, 1927**

**Edie, Lionel Danforth. Money, bank credit and prices. Harper**

**Fosdick, Raymond Blaine. Old savage in the new civilization. Doubleday**

**Groves, Ernest Rutherford. Marriage crisis. Longmans**

**Hardman, Jacob B. S. ed. American labor dynamics; in the light of post-war developments. Harcourt**

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Harlow, Alvin Fay. Old post bags. Appleton

Hart, B. H. Liddell. Remaking of modern armies. Little

Homan, Paul T. Contemporary economic thought. Harper

McBain, Howard Lee. Prohibition legal and illegal. Macmillan

McKenzie, R. D. Oriental exclusion. Univ. of Chicago pr.

Ogg, Frederic Austin. Research in the humanistic and social sciences. Century

Price, Morgan Philips. Economic problems of Europe pre-war and after. Macmillan

Soule, George. Wage arbitrations; selected cases, 1920-24. Macmillan

Spalwn, W. M. W., Government ownership and operation of railroads. Macmillan

Stoddard, Theodore Lothrop. Story of youth. Cosmopolitan

Storck, John. Man and civilization; an inquiry into the bases of contemporary life. Harcourt, 1926-27

Thompson, Edward John. Suttee. Houghton

Walker, Sydnor H. Social work and the training of social workers. Univ. of N. C. pr.

Warren, Charles. Making of the constitution. Little

Woods, Edward A. Sociology of life insurance. Appleton.

## EDUCATION

Edwards, Richard Henry et al. Undergraduates; a study of morale in twenty-three American colleges and universities. Doubleday

Little, William Francis. Why go to high school? Bobbs, 1929

Mid-west conference on parent education, Chicago, 1928. Building character. Univ. of Chic. pr.

Thom, Douglas Armour. Everyday problems of the everyday child. Appleton

Washburne and Stearns. Better schools. Day

Wickham, Harvey. Misbehaviorists; pseudo-science and the modern temper. Longmans

## SCIENCE

Collins, Archie Frederick. Fun with figures. Appleton

Durand, Herbert. Field book of common ferns; for identifying fifty conspicuous species of Eastern America, with directions for their culture. Putnam

Eddington, Arthur Stanley. Nature of the physical world. Macmillan

Free and Hoke. Weather. McBride

Nordenskiold, Erik. History of biology. Knopf

Thomas, William Sturgis. Field book of common gilled mushrooms. Putnam

Wetmore, Alexander. Migrations of birds. Harvard, 1927

## TECHNOLOGY

Atwater, Mary Meigs. Shuttle-craft book of American hand-weaving. Macmillan

Clark, Virginius Evans. Elements of aviation; an explanation of flight principles. Ronald

Gruse, William Arthur. Petroleum and its products; a chemical discussion of the properties, refining and utilization of petroleum. McGraw-Hill

Jones, Byron Quinby. Practical flying; a training manual for airplane pilots. Ronald

Schubert, Paul. Electric word; the rise of the radio. Macmillan

Miskella, William James. Practical automotive lacquering. Finishing research lab.

Miskella, William James. Practical color simplified. Finishing research lab.

Miskella, William James. Practical jpanning and enameling (baked finishing). Finishing research lab.

Patrick, Mason Mathews. United States in the air. Doubleday

Rine, Josephine Z. Feeding your dog. Watt, 1927

Studley, Barrett. Practical flight training. Macmillan

Taylor, Horace. Making goods and making money. Macmillan

Thomas, Paul B. Secret messages. Knopf

## FINE ARTS

Bailey, C. T. P. Knives and forks. Medici society, 1927

Buckley, Wilfred. European glass. Houghton, 1926

Carrick, Alice Van Leer. Shades of our ancestors. Little

Creighton, Ursula. Music. Dutton

Disher, Maurice Willson. Clowns and pantomimes. Constable, 1925

Dobson, Margaret. Block-cutting and print-making by hand: from wood, linoleum and other media. Pitman, n.d.

Gould, Mr. and Mrs. G. Glen. Period furniture handbook. Dodd

Holloway, Edward Stratton. American furniture and decoration colonial and federal. Lippincott

Jones, Edward Alfred. Old silver of Europe and America. Lippincott

Koechlin, Raymond and Migeon, G. Oriental art; ceramics, fabrics, carpets. Macmillan, n. d.

Mason, Daniel Gregory. Dilemma of American music; and other essays. Macmillan

Okie, Howard Pitcher. Old silver and old Sheffield plate. Doubleday

Roberts, Edna H. Oriental rugs; the way to know and judge them. Dry goods economist

Shook, Anna Nott. Book of weaving. Day Storey, Walter Rendell. Beauty in home furnishings. Henkle

Strong, Eugenie. Art in ancient Rome, 2v. Scribner

Wilm, Grace Gridley. Appreciation of music; ten talks on musical form. Macmillan

## LITERATURE

Balmforth, Ramsden. Problem-play; and its influence on modern thought and life. Holt.

Barrie, James Matthew. Peter Pan; or, The boy who would not grow up. Scribner

Belasco, David. Six plays. Little

Contents:

1. Madam Butterfly
2. Du Barry

3. Darling of the gods

4. Adrea

5. Girl of the golden west

6. Return of Peter Grimm

Blake, William. Poetry and prose of William Blake. Random house, 1927

Cushing, Tom. Devil in the cheese. French, 1927

Dane, Clemence. Naboth's vineyard; a stage piece. Macmillan, 1926

Ernst and Seagle. To the pure. Viking

Ervine, St. John Greer. How to write a play. Macmillan

Gale, Zona. Portage, Wisconsin and other essays. Knopf

Frost, Robert. West-running brook. Holt.

Garland, Hamlin. Backtrailers from the middle border. Macmillan

Green, Paul. In the valley and other Carolina plays. French

Jones, Llewellyn. How to criticize books. Norton

McKnight, George Harley. Modern English in the making. Appleton

Magnus, Laurie. English literature in its foreign relations, 1300 to 1800. Paul, 1927

Marble, Annie Russell. Study of the modern novel British and American, since 1900. Appleton

Markham, Edwin. Book of poetry; collected from the whole field of British and American poetry; also translations of important poems from foreign languages; selected and annotated with an introduction, 2v. Wise, 1926

Pirandello, Luigi. One-act plays. Dutton

Overton, Grant Martin. Philosophy of fiction. Appleton

Pearson, Edmund Lester. Queer books. Doubleday

Pollack, Channing. Mr. Moneypenny. Brentano

Sandburg, Carl. Good morning, America. Harcourt

Van Doren, Mark, ed. Anthology of world poetry. Boni

Wilder, Thornton. Angel that troubled the waters; and other plays. Coward

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## BIOGRAPHY

Adams, John. Statesman and friend; correspondence of John Adams with Benjamin Waterhouse; 1784-1822. Little, 1927

Beraud, Henri. My friend Robespierre. Macaulay

Bertrand, Louis. Louis XIV. Longmans

Bikle, Lucy Leffingwell Cable. George W. Cable, his life and his letters. Scribner

Boyd, Thomas. Simon Girty; the white savage. Minton

Camp, Charles L., ed. James Clyman, American frontiersman, 1792-1881. Clark

De Fiori, Vittorio E. Mussolini, the man of destiny. Dutton

Duren, William Larkin. Francis Asbury. Macmillan

Faris, John Thomson. Romance of forgotten men. Harper

Federn, Karl. Richelieu. Stokes, n. d.

Forssell, Nils. Fouché, the man Napoleon feared. Stokes, n. d.

Gollomb, Joseph. Spies. Macmillan

Hardy, Florence Emily. Early life of Thomas Hardy, 1840-1891. Macmillan

Helm, Katherine. True story of Mary, wife of Lincoln. Harper

Hicks, Edward. Sir Thomas Malory. Harvard

Howe, Mark Anthony De Wolfe. Classic shades; five leaders of learning and their colleges. Little

Howells, Mildred, ed. Life in letters of William Dean Howells. Doubleday

Josephson, Matthew. Zola and his time. Macaulay

Lamb, Harold. Tamerlane; the earth shaker. McBride

Lawton, Mary. Schumann-Heink; the last of the Titans. Macmillan

Lee, Umphrey. The Lord's horseman. Century

Long, Lance. Chief Buffalo child. Long Lance. Cosmopolitan

Lucas-Dubreton, Jean. Fourth musketeer; the life of Alexander Dumas. Coward

Mackenzie, Catherine. Alexander Graham Bell. Houghton

Minnigerode, Meade. Jefferson, friend of France, 1793. Putnam

Mussolini, Benito. My autobiography. Scribner

Nevins, Allan. Fremont. Harper

Reumert, Elith. Hans Andersen, the man. Dutton, 1927

Roscoe, Edward Stanley. Aspects of Doctor Johnson. Cambridge

Seitz, Don Carlos. The James Gordon Bennetts; father and son; proprietors of the New York Herald. Bobbs.

Sellers, Charles Coleman. Lorenzo Dow; the bearer of the word. Minton

Shellabarger, Samuel. Chevalier Bayard; a study in fading chivalry. Century

Sousa, John Philip. Marching along; recollections of men and music. Hale

Van Loon, Hendrik. Life and times of Pieter Stuyvesant. Holt

York, Alvin C. Sergeant York; his own life story and war diary; edited by Tom Skeyhill. Doubleday

## TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION

Baker, John Earl. Explaining China. Van Nostrand, n. d.

Beebe, Charles William. Beneath tropic seas. Putnam

Collins, Hubert Edwin. Warpath and cattle trail. Morrow

Donne, Thomas Edward. Maori past and present. Lippincott, 1927

Franck, Harry Alverson. Fringe of the Moslem world. Century

McBride, Robert Medill. Spanish towns and people. McBride

Nansen, Dr. Fridtjof. Armenia and the near east. Duffield

Newcomb, Rexford. In the Lincoln country. Lippincott

Powell, Edward Alexander. Embattled borders. Century

Riggs, Arthur Stanley. Spanish pageant. Bobbs

Russell, Charles Edward. *A-rafting on the Mississippi*. Century

Saxon, Lyle. *Fabulous New Orleans*. Century

Thompson, Charles John Samuel. *Quacks of old London*. Brentano

Thompson, Dorothy. *New Russia*. Holt

Yard, Robert Sterling. *Our federal lands*. Scribner

Zimand, Savel. *Living India*. Longmans

### HISTORY

Buell, Raymond Leslie. *Europe: a history of ten years*. Macmillan

Fay, Sidney Bradshaw. *Origins of the World War*, 2v. Macmillan

Gloag and Walker. *Home life in history*. Coward

Gwynn, Denis Rolleston. *Irish Free State, 1922-1927*. Macmillan

Hirsch, Arthur Henry. *Huguenots of colonial South Carolina*. Duke Univ.

Millar, Moorhouse F. X. *Unpopular essays in the philosophy of history*. Fordham Univ.

Minor, Henry. *Story of the Democratic party*. Macmillan

Standard, Mary Newton. *Story of Virginia's first century*. Lippincott

Swan, Oliver G., ed. *Frontier days*. Macrae

Thompson, Charles J. S. *Mysteries of history*. Lippincott

Woolf, Leonard. *Imperialism and civilization*. Harcourt

Wrong, George McKinnon. *Rise and fall of New France*, 2v. Macmillan

### Background of Books Essential

In a recent article on daily reading as an "asset in home women's self education," in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, Kathleen Norris said:

"The difference between having a good book to read, and not having a good book to read, is just about the difference between darkness and light.

"Once get into the habit of really enjoying books, and you have put something into your life that is pure gain. Whatever your work or ambition is, whatever you want to forget or want to learn, you cannot afford to leave books out of your calculations.

"No woman is so busy that she can't find time to pick up a book two or three times a day. And hundreds of women who write me wistfully that they wish they had time to study French or stenography, or any one of a hundred other things, seem to forget that study merely means the absorbing of things that are in books.

"Schools are large buildings and imposing staffs of officials, all ranged around books. The spelling books, the history, arithmetic, geometry and Latin books are really the school itself. Colleges are only formal settings for books—books—books . . .

"What we think is what we are, and nothing restores a sense of the true proportion, the true values of our harassed and undignified lives, like a background of books. No real philosopher or humanitarian or thinker has even attempted to get along without them.

"Little detached flashes of life that they are—a Russian interior here, a cold bit of New England ice poetry there, a vague study in mythical forms in a third cover, yet they do begin to build themselves together, to take form, to give one an expanding interest in the big world, and a willingness at least to decrease one's own ignorance.

"They are slow going, good books. But plunge into them and force the wandering mind to absorb them, and they will pay their own way."

—Year Round Bookselling News.

The European librarian thinks of the library in terms of books; the American librarian, through his experience thinks in terms of readers.

—W. W. Bishop.

## NEWS OF INDIANA LIBRARIES

**Anderson.** Observance of Book Week in Anderson had an added significance this year, as it marked the formal dedication of the Peter Pan room, new children's department. More than 1,500 children visited the library during the week and more than half that number attended special story hours. Miss Ernestine Bradford and Miss Virginia Whitlock, of the Indianapolis public library, told stories one afternoon. Teachers from different schools brought children in by classes to visit the Peter Pan room.

Col. Winfield Taylor Durbin, former governor of Indiana, who died in Anderson Dec. 18th, was the first registered borrower of the library. He was a member of the board when the library was organized and wrote the first catalog for the library.

**Bloomington.** Mrs. Austin J. Denny, of Indianapolis, recently donated to the university library a library consisting of about 1,000 volumes, in memory of her husband, Austin J. Denny, who before his death had compiled a library consisting of more than 200 biographies.

Miss Florence Emily Rogers is attending the Wisconsin library school.

Miss Winifred Knapp has resigned as head cataloger of the university library to accept a position in the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

**Brazil.** For several years the public library has been allowing free use of the library to those who live outside the city. The patronage has become so large that the Board has found it necessary to charge one dollar a year to non-taxpayers. A family card will be issued also on which one book may be taken by each member of the family.

**Brookston.** The will of the late James F. French, prominent stock raiser and banker, when filed for probate contained the following bequest: \$30,000 to be held in trust by the City Trust Company, the in-

come therefrom to be paid to the Brookston-Prairie township library so long as there is such an institution, and then to the Prairie township school library."

**Clayton.** The township advisory board of Liberty township is planning a library with headquarters in Clayton. There has accumulated over \$3,500 in the town and township which is available. G. W. Stone is trustee.

**Columbia City.** In November local members of the Daughters of the American Revolution planted a tulip tree on the Peabody Free Library grounds, and dedicated it to Miss Jane H. Collins, the first librarian of the Columbia City Free Library. The ladies felt that the tree should stand as a memorial to the long years of faithful service given to the library by Miss Collins, at a time when the library idea was first introduced to the community. The books gained a remarkable circulation and the habit of reading was acquired by hundreds of people. The ever willing helpfulness of Miss Collins was appreciated by all patrons of the library and the planting of a tree in her honor is a recognition well deserved. She is now living at Kirkland, Washington.

S. J. Peabody, of the library board, has given a new steel book stack to the library to relieve the overcrowded conditions.

**Columbus.** Miss Cleo Rogers has been named assistant at the public library to succeed Miss Thelma Shaw who resigned recently to be married.

**Evansville.** As a memorial to his wife Mrs. Nina Ravdin, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident last year, Dr. Marcus Ravdin has endowed the Public library with a collection of Judaica, to be established at the Central library. It will consist of the best works of ancient, medieval and modern Jewish philosophy, religion, ethics, poetry and allied subjects written by non-Jewish as well as by Jewish

authors. When asked why he chose this particular means of perpetuating the memory of his wife, Dr. Ravdin said that he felt that through the library he could do the most good for the greatest number of people, since the library is the one public organization which is used by all people of reading age. It is not established for the use of any one group, but for all groups. He feels that in establishing this department, he is not only perpetuating the memory of Mrs. Ravdin, but is at the same time supplying Evansville with something that it has never had before and for which there is a great need. He feels that the library should be able to furnish information to all people of whatever creed or shade of opinion; this, he believes, will be accomplished by the new department.

Miss Nancy Boyd, librarian at the East Side library, resigned January 1st, to accept appointment as head of the children's department in the Birmingham, Alabama, public library.

**Fort Wayne.** Miss Bertine E. Weston, publicity director of the Fort Wayne-Allen county library, became managing editor of the Library Journal, February first. Miss Helen D. Gorton, of Racine, Wis., became an assistant in the county department Jan. 14th.

**Fowler.** Mrs. Carrie May Barce, in collaboration with her husband Elmore Barce, has made a noteworthy volume and presented it to the public library. It consists of forty-five of the native wild flowers, pressed and mounted and arranged in book form, and enclosed in a specially made cabinet. The botanical as well as the common or wellknown names are given, together with notes as to where these particular specimens were obtained, the range or habitat in the U. S. where these flowers may be found, and also other items of interest.

**Franklin.** Mrs. Marie LaGrange kept a check for one week of the activities of the public library. The circulation was 1,345, persons visiting the library 1,535. Number

of callers by hours: 9-12 a. m., 25; 12-3, 50; 3-6, 150; 6-9, 50. Forty-nine reference questions were answered. There were 88 book renewals by telephone and 187 other calls. Seventeen new borrowers' cards were issued. Twelve meetings were held in the auditorium. Other duties included the sending of 190 books to country schools, cataloging 51 books, mending of books, preparation of monthly reports, filing pamphlets and clippings and catalog cards, sending out overdue notices, collecting material for Christmas, and returning four books to the State library.

**Gary.** Miss Lois Boyd, of the 1925 Indiana summer school class, was married in August and is now Mrs. Thomas F. Shroll. She is continuing her work in the Gary library.

**Greenfield.** The library both for the high school and grades at the Westland Consolidated school was organized in December. Mrs. Ruth Snodgrass is the teacher in charge.

**Greenwood.** After being librarian of the public library for eight years, Miss Mayme Hanson resigned in August on account of ill health. Altho much improved she was stricken by influenza and died December 21st.

**Hammond.** James A. Howard, formerly in the reference department of the St. Louis public library and a graduate of the St. Louis library school, became librarian Jan. 1st, succeeding Albert R. Nichols who returned to his home in Rhode Island. Mr. Nichols had several positions in view but withheld decision until later. A resolution commending the retiring librarian on his three years work in Hammond was passed by the board.

**Huntington.** Huntington County Council of Religious Education and the public library sponsored a poster exhibit for Book Week. About 100 posters were on exhibit at the St. Peters Reformed church parish

hall. These were later placed in the public library.

**Indianapolis.** Busts of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Rauh will be placed in the Rauh Memorial library by the Board of School Commissioners. One thousand dollars was appropriated for the purpose and Robert Davidson, sculptor, has received the commission to make the busts.

The redecorating of the central building of the public library already begun is one of the big events of the year in the annals of the Indianapolis public library. After its accumulation of eleven years of grime and dust, it has now become necessary to do this for the preservation of certain decorated parts before they are soiled and damaged beyond repair. Its smoke screen removed, the pristine beauty of the ceiling in the reading room has been restored, and other parts of the building will be treated likewise.

The public library has accepted the resignations of Margaret Clough Johnson and Margaret Toye Clymer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clark Lamphear who was married in October, 1928, has resigned her position in the public library and will live in Greencastle, Ind.

The fiscal year of the public library has been changed so that it ends with the calendar year rather than in July as formerly. The six months' report shows that the library now has 508,418 books and 114,412 registered borrowers. During the six months 1,066,936 books were circulated, or 61,959 more than during the same period last year.

The room occupied by the Traveling library division of the State library has been moved into the corridor so that the Lieutenant-governor may have the room for entertaining visiting notables. As he plans to keep the room between sessions also it will be necessary to rent quarters outside the state house in the future and a request for \$3,500 had to be added to the state library budget to make this possible.

Miss Claudia Weyant, catalog assistant in the State library was married to Wallace West in October, and left the library Jan. 1st. Miss Margaret Pierson succeeds her.

On the resignation of C. E. Edwards from the Indiana State Law library the Supreme Court has appointed Miss Jessie Levy, a Republican, as librarian.

**Kendallville.** Mrs. D. C. Walling, presented the library with a beautiful collection of moths and butterflies and a valuable collection of geological specimens in memory of the late Mrs. George Walling.

**Kokomo.** Miss Elsie DeMotte, former assistant librarian, was married in November to Alden Meranda, of Indianapolis.

**Lowell.** A library room just off the assembly has been built in the new addition to the Lowell high school. The book collection was reorganized in January. Miss Lyrell Taylor is part-time librarian.

**Madison.** The libraries at Dupont high school and the new Madison high school were organized in November by Miss Harper, of the public library, with the assistance of her staff. With this work practically all the school libraries in the county have been organized.

**Marion.** "Mother Library's Tea Party" a book week play by Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, features the January *Wilson Bulletin*. Miss Hamilton was children's librarian at Marion until her marriage last year. It is an excellent play and easily produced. The *Wilson Bulletin* will be sent free to libraries on application.

**Mishawaka.** A special list of first books for the little folks, called "A Little Library," was compiled by Miss Ruth Hayward, children's librarian. These were distributed during Book Week as she visited the schools.

**Muncie.** The library board is taking bids for the construction of a branch library on a site in the south part of the city. Houck and Smenner are the architects and a colonial structure in dark red brick is pro-

posed. Its erection has been made possible by a bequest of \$25,000 from the estate of the late Grace Keiser Maring, an active member of the library board for a number of years. The heirs of the estate are co-operating in every way with the library board to make the building such a memorial as Mrs. Maring would have chosen to leave to the city. She had frequently expressed, during her lifetime, the wish for a library in the south part of Muncie. The name, "Grace Maring Branch Library" will be placed in bronze letters above the main entrance.

The structure will be finished in stone and will measure 61½ by 32 feet. On the main floor reading rooms for children and adults will be located on either side of the circulation desk and book department. A colonial fireplace will be built in the children's reading room. Both reading rooms will measure 30 by 20½ feet. In the basement there will be a community room 25 by 30 feet and a kitchenette. On the opposite side of the basement the fuel room, rest rooms, storage and work room will be located. All woodwork will be in walnut finish.

Miss Harriet Ewald, head of circulation at the public library for two and a half years, resigned in January to return to her home city, Brooklyn, N. Y., where she will be librarian of a large Catholic Boys' School.

**New Paris.** The new high school building is well equipped for its library. There is open wall shelving in the back of the assembly room where all books used for reference with class work are kept. Besides that there is a very pretty library room across the corridor where the general reading is kept. This library was organized in February. Miss Esther Simerman is the teacher in charge.

**Noblesville.** As a part of the special observance of Book Week, Miss Lulu Miesse, librarian, visited the schools and announced to the children that a contest called "Who's

who in Storyland" would be started on Saturday, November 17, and close St. Valentine Day. The contest consists of 25 questions to be answered with the authors and titles of books, and a story of not less than 100 or more than 200 words about the book best liked.

**Rochester.** A new county library truck went into service in December. It is mounted on a special Ford chassis with extra long wheel base. The body is large but low in height to give safety. It has a carrying capacity for books of 1,500 pounds, entrance on right side and is lighted, ventilated and heated.

**Seymour.** The improved library building was opened the last of November. The addition at the rear is nearly as large as the original building and houses a children's room, an open stack room and the H. Vance Swope Memorial art gallery. Mr. Swope left \$3,000 to the Seymour Art League and during his lifetime presented several of his paintings to the League and these are now displayed in the Memorial room.

**South Bend.** Miss Gretta Wilner, who for several years past has been in the technology department of the Detroit public library, came to South Bend in January to organize and develop a business and industrial department for the library. As soon as the necessary buying and cataloging can be done, this department will be opened in the house just east of the Main library. It is hoped that this new venture will be of real assistance to the business and industrial people of South Bend.

On the marriage list is Miss Lovene Moore who was married to Harold Orville, at Greencastle, Christmas time.

**Stillwell.** The high school library was organized in January. Mrs. Otto J. Newman is the teacher in charge.

**Terre Haute.** The position of the Emeline Fairbanks public library in relation to the art interests of the city is important. An exhibition of paintings by Wm. T. Turman,

a local artist who has painted in California, Pennsylvania, Brown county and locally, was featured in November and December. The Sandison school branch had an exhibit of soap statuary furnished by the National small sculpture committee of New York City. The Fairbanks library has received many fine gifts of paintings, etchings, sculpture, maps and manuscripts. It has paintings by J. Ottis Adams, T. C. Steele, J. E. Bundy, J. W. Ebel, Rosa B. Griffith, Jas. F. Gookins and others.

The trustees of the normal school have called Edwin C. Fitzroy from the Public Library of Greeley, Colorado, to succeed Arthur Cunningham as librarian.

**Tipton.** Mrs. Sam Matthews celebrated Indiana Day in December by offering two Indiana medals to boys and girls for the best answers to ten Indiana History questions, as follows:

1. Why is December 11th called Indiana Day?
2. Where was the State of Indiana born and in what year?
3. How many counties were represented in the Constitutional Convention and how many delegates were sent to this Convention?
4. How many days did it require to write the first constitution?
5. Is the first constitution in existence, if so where can it be seen?
6. When was the first election of officers held for the officers of the new state?
7. Who was elected the first governor?
8. Who was Governor of Indiana when she celebrated her one hundredth anniversary.
9. What are the official symbols of the

state and when were each adopted by the General Assembly?

10. Does Indiana have a state flag? Describe it and state what star in our national flag represents Indiana?

**Tyner.** The new addition to the school building at Tyner made provision for the high school library with open wall shelving and tables in the back of the assembly room. The book collection was reorganized in January.

**Wabash.** The high school library at the Chippewa school was organized in January.

**Wanatah.** The high school library was organized in January. This school has a good collection of books and is building it up each year. Miss Ruth Kelly is the teacher in charge.

**Warren.** The failure of the First National bank has tied up part of the public library funds making it necessary to exercise strict economy. Altho only \$235 is involved the library has suffered also by the reduction in income due to the decrease in the value of taxable property.

**West Lebanon.** The library board entertained as a special guest in December Mrs. Dora B. Goodwine who recently presented the West Lebanon-Pike township library the west half of the lot on which the library stands. Mrs. Goodwine donated the front half of the lot several years ago before the library was built and made the present gift to prevent any objectionable building being erected next to the library.

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The children's rooms are the chief sources of information on children's reading in America.

—Mabel Williams.

